

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BEACH EROSION AUTHORITY FOR  
CLEAN OCEANS AND NOURISHMENT (B.E.A.C.O.N.)

December 3, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment ("BEACON") was held on Friday, December 3, 2003, at Carpinteria City Hall, Carpinteria, CA. The meeting was called to order by Chair Rose at 9:05 a.m. The following members were present at roll call:

Susan Rose	Chair, Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara
Jon Sharkey	Vice-Chair, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme
Brian Brennan	Councilmember, City of San Buenaventura
Dan Secord, M.D.	Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Barbara
Steve Bennett	Supervisor, County of Ventura

consisting of a quorum.

John Zaragoza            Councilmember, City of Oxnard, arrived after roll call at 9:06 a.m.

Staff, BEACON advisors and representatives for legislative officers who were present or spoke were:

Kevin Ready, Executive Director, B.E.A.C.O.N.  
Dr. James Bailard, BEACON Technical Advisor  
Teri Maush-Nisich, Director, Santa Barbara County Parks Department  
Karl Treiberg, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District  
Jon Moore, Noble Construction  
Rick Raives, Ventura City Engineer  
Karl Treiberg, Santa Barbara County Flood Control  
Chris Webb, Moffatt & Nichol Engineering  
Juana Alvarez, Ventura County Auditor's office  
Richard Parsons, Ventura City Project Manager  
Paul Jenkin, Surfrider, Environmental Director, Ventura Chapter, Surfrider  
Mark Norris, Staff, City of Oxnard  
John Smith, Minerals Management Service  
Fred White, Minerals Management Service  
Mark Pumford Staff, City of Oxnard  
Emily Lawson, as secretary

ITEM 1: **Call to order** by Chair Rose, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 2: **Approval of Agenda for December 3, 2003 Meeting and Filing Certificate of Agenda Posting.** Action. A motion was made, by Vice-Chair Sharkey, to approve the December 3, 2003 Agenda and Filing of Certificate. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Secord, no one opposed

it. The Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3: Consideration and Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2003.** Action. A motion was made to approve minutes of the September 12, 2003 B.E.A.C.O.N. meeting and the B.E.A.C.O.N. Board Workshop which occurred after the meeting (from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) on September 12, 2003. The motion was made by Vice-Chair Sharkey and seconded by Boardmember Brennan, the Board voted, the motion passed (a quorum) with an abstention by Steve Bennett.

**ITEM 4: Public Comment and Other Reports. Comments from the public on matters not on the agenda.** Chair Rose called for public comment for matters not on the agenda, with no response from members of the audience. Councilman Zaragoza mentioned a meeting with Oxnard city staff attended by Kevin Ready and past mayor Sharkey regarding BEACON projects. He requested Kevin Ready make a presentation to the Oxnard city council on the projects and introduced two staff members from City of Oxnard who will be attending BEACON meetings in the future.

a. Reports from legislative offices – There were no state legislative items or reports.

b. Boating and Waterways – the grants allocated to BEACON 1) sediment study 2) turbidity study and 3) \$30,000 to finish permitting process for South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP). State Dept. of Boating and Waterways may be merged with the State Parks Department, Kevin Ready reported on meetings with Director Suniyoshi and tours of BEACON SCCBEP sites –Carpinteria and Goleta Beach.

c. Cal Coast.- No report. Kevin Ready said Steve Aceti was helpful with information for the kelp grant.

d. Receive reports on other projects within BEACON jurisdiction: Kevin Ready reported on the Boating and Waterways grant, which provides one half; the BEACON board is to determine how to obtain the second part of the local match (\$250,000 over the next five years).

1) Port Hueneme Drain EIR – Kevin Ready made comments to the Ventura County Watershed Protection Dist.- who then modified a provision in their project description: to state if sediment is appropriate to beach nourishment, it will be offered for BEACON use at the SCCBEP site-Port Hueneme.

2) South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP) status report. Chris Webb of Moffatt and Nichol reported progress: City of Ventura expects to have it before the Planning Commission for a permit in January, 2004. State Lands is cooperative, expect an agenda in early 2004; and Water Board is more difficult, their requirements should be met by early 2004. Then upcoming is the Coastal Commission in order to get approvals in place for Carpinteria Marsh, in Autumn, 2004. In Oxnard, efforts are proceeding with city staff.

3) U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers (USACE).

a. Oil Piers Section 227. Kevin Ready reported meetings with ASR staff from New Zealand and staff from University of South Florida. The design for the Oil Piers offshore reef is 100% funded by USACE.

b. Coast of California Study House and Senate (joint Congress Committee) approved \$500,000, a study which will reveal information about water pollution, wave action, coastal erosion, tidal waves, public safety and environmental issues.

4) Ormond Beach. Coastal Conservancy will fund the purchase of Ormond Beach- estuary issues and restoration for the coastline. Restoration to follow.

5) Matilija/Ventura River Study- Money appropriated for Phase One of the study completed (handout) Sediment and Biological Assessment for the Rivermouth. Phase Two has been approved by the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers and Ventura County, contracts still to be done, using

Moffatt and Nichol as sub-contractor.

Chair Rose called for public comment. Paul Jenkin, Environmental Director of the Ventura County Surfrider, commented about Matilija dam as follows: The BEACON Board's resolution led to the feasibility study now underway. The F-4 milestone (under USACE) has been completed with objectives to improve riparian habitat, steelhead habitat, and to provide access to upper watershed and restore the beaches. The F-4 report, Appendix E, minimizes potential benefits of increased sediment transport to the coast. Mr. Jenkin suggested BEACON's further work should address this, that perhaps BEACON might weigh in on the feasibility study and enabling the natural processes should be a long-term goal. Paul Jenkin's comments on the study and coastal issues are on the Matilija Coalition Web site.–**Matilija-Coalition.org**.

Staff from Minerals Management Service in Camarillo outlined a current project, a cooperative agreement with the California Geological Survey and Dept. of Boating and Waterways, on sediment enhancement. A report will be issued on five high priority areas for beach replenishment in one year.

**ITEM 5 Goleta Demonstration Project** Information & Action. a. Receive status report on Goleta Demonstration Project. b. Approve, as necessary, contract changes/claims for dredging contract and provide other direction as necessary. c. Approve contract amendment with Noble Consultants showing 01 May 2003 start date. Kevin Ready made a PowerPoint presentation showing before and after slides of the Goleta Demonstration Project and gave a history of the project.

Chair Rose updated the Board and staff: Santa Barbara County, along with Santa Barbara County Parks Dept. held two community meetings. "Working Group Process" meetings will focus on a project to recommend to the Board of Supervisors, and gather community consensus as to where and how to proceed.

Karl Treiberg of Santa Barbara County Flood Control, presented slides of the Goleta Slough Dredging Project, which occurs on an as needed basis. The program began in 1994, Flood Control will survey creeks to determine sediment accumulation and dredge as needed. Teri Maus-Nisich, Director, Santa Barbara County Parks expressed thanks to everyone involved and praised the outcome of this project.

Kevin Ready explained Item 5b (no action)

(Dr. Secord left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.-a quorum remained)

**Item 5c:** Kevin Ready explained the need for this amendment. The Ventura County Auditor wants BEACON Board approval to show construction invoices of Noble Consultants and their contractor from May and June, 2003 are valid claims against BEACON. Action: A motion was made by Boardmember Bennett to approve a contract amendment with Noble Consultants showing a May 1, 2003 start date. Boardmember Brennan seconded it, the Board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 6: Executive Director's Position and BEACON Staffing.** Action.

a. Approve job description for Executive Director position.. Kevin Ready referred the Board to the draft of the job description for Executive Director position (Item 6 a)..

b. Provide policy direction for Executive Director position and other personnel issues. Kevin Ready reminded the Board of the Administrative Assistant position approved in July, 2003. And

relayed the request of Shane Stark, Santa Barbara County Counsel regarding Kevin Ready's time expenditure as Executive Director. Discussion ensued regarding grant research & writing, possible inclusion of member agency staff, and an Administrative Aid and/or grant writer for BEACON. It was decided to bring this back to the Board for further discussion and action at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Sharkey moved to approve Item 6.a & b in concept and bring them back for the next meeting; to retain services of Kevin Ready, Deputy County Counsel, as Executive Director for the present, attempt to find solutions to the impact on County Counsel's office, and to locate support for Kevin Ready. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Brennan, the Board voted, no one opposed and the motion passed.

**ITEM 7: Kelp Re-establishment Project. Action.**

a. Approve Pre-Proposal for Sand-based Kelp Re-establishment Grant from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Kevin Ready introduced this item referring to a presentation by Mr. Keel of Seattle Aquarium at August 2003 Board meeting. The sandy area offshore Goleta Beach formerly supported a kelp forest and Mr. Keel's idea for kelp support. BEACON has submitted a grant application to the NOAA Aquaculture grant program, \$515,000 to study and test the engineering design of man-made supports for the kelp holdfasts. Executive Director needs Board approval for his action in submitting the grant with final grant approval from NOAA to follow in February. Discussion followed.

b. Provide staff with direction regarding project proposal for Bren School and further study of the kelp re-establishment concept. **Action:** Boardmember Brennan made the motion to approve Items a. and b., seconded by Vice-Chair Sharkey, the Board voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

**ITEM 8: 2004 BEACON Meeting Schedule. Action.**

a. Approve meeting schedule for BEACON Board for 2004. After discussion the Board agreed to continue meeting on a bi-monthly schedule on the second Friday of the month with the first meeting of the year occurring in February 2004. The schedule agreed is as follows:

**February 13, 2004; April 9, 2004; June 11, 2004;  
August 13, 2004; October 8, 2004; December 10, 2004.**

The motion to approve the schedule was made by Boardmember Zaragoza, seconded by Boardmember Bennett and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 9: Adjourn to next regular meeting, February 13, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Carpinteria City Hall.** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rose.

End of Agenda Items

Minutes respectfully submitted by Emily Lawson,  
secretary to Kevin Ready, Executive Director, B.E.A.C.O.N.

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